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## CATALOGUE

SPRING 1941



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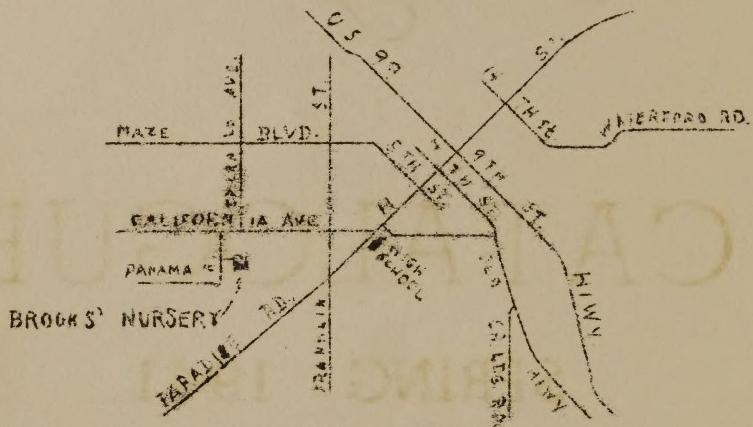
MODESTO ASH

California's Own Shade Tree

ROSES      AZALEAS  
ORNAMENTAL TREES  
PERENNIAL PLANTS

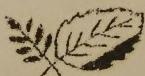
## AN INVITATION

We extend a cordial invitation to visit us at any time during the season. Something is in bloom nearly every day in the year. Early spring finds Azaleas and Pansies in bloom, followed by Hybrid Amaryllis, Columbine, Delphinium, Oriental Poppies and Roses which bloom from spring to fall. Robinia Hispida comes in full flower in June as also does the Tigridia.



Here is our location, about one mile west of the City of Modesto. Take California Avenue at the High School, drive about one mile to Panama Road, south one block to Florence Avenue, east one half block on Florence to the nursery.

Our BUSINESS HOURS are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM every day from Sunday to Friday inclusive. The nursery is never open to the public on Saturday.



## THIS BUSINESS OF OURS

Plant breeding, experimentation, and development are important phases of the nursery business to which we have devoted considerable time. Our most notable achievements in these lines are the MODESTO ASH and HOLLYWOOD PLUM, which are described on pages 4 and 5 of this catalogue.

The Modesto Ash is now widely known and planted; in a few short years it has become one of the most popular shade trees in the West. Several Western cities have adapted it to their street planting programs, and thousands of Western homes have been made more beautiful by its use.

The Hollywood Plum is rapidly gaining favor and we feel certain that it will become very popular due to its great merit, both as an ornamental and as a fruiting variety. Test shipments have been made to the principal fruit markets of the West, and in all cases the price received has been very much higher than that paid for competing varieties. In one case the Hollywood Plum brought five cents per pound against one and a half cents for competitive plums.

No less important phases of the nursery business are the production of good quality plants and making certain that these high quality plants reach the purchaser in absolutely perfect condition. We are constantly testing improvements and new methods in growing, storing, and packing our products so that you may receive the highest quality materials in the best condition and at a fair price when you order from us.

## MODESTO ASH CALIFORNIA'S OWN SHADE TREE

This tree, which we introduced in 1936, is rapidly becoming the most popular deciduous shade tree used in California. Apparently a natural hybrid of *F. velutina* and *F. coriacea*, the original tree, which stands in one of the parks of the City of Modesto, has in less than 20 years attained a spread of 45 feet and a height of 40 to 45 feet. Grafted on Arizona Ash root, this tree has shown growth as rapid as the very fast growing Silver Leaf Maple. The very hard, shining surface of the leaf makes it not only the most beautiful of the deciduous shade trees, but very resistant to insects and diseases. It has shown 100% resistance to red spider. Due to the fact that it sheds its leaves over a period of about two weeks and produces no seeds, it is one of the cleanest shade trees known. Adding to its great beauty is the fact that the leaves turn a beautiful golden yellow in the fall. We graft or bud on the Arizona Ash because it roots deeply, thus reducing to a minimum the loss from broken sidewalks and curbs, and lessening to a great extent its competition with lawn, shrubs, and flowers. This root will adapt itself to a very wide range of soil conditions from alkali and hardpan and other adverse conditions to any type of good soil. It is very drought resistant but will respond to plenty of moisture and good care better than any tree we know.

Straight healthy trees:

4/5	foot size	\$1.00	each.
5/6	" "	1.25	"
6/8	" "	1.50	"
8/10	" "	1.75	"

## X HOLLYWOOD PLUM

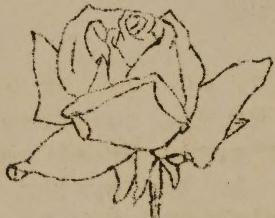
This wonderful plum is one of the outstanding results of our plant breeding efforts. Great masses of white flowers very early in the spring are followed by the beautiful shining red fruits and red-green foliage; the top of the leaf is deep green while the under side is red. The contrast is very pleasing and is maintained throughout the season. It is a heavy and consistant producer of the most delicious free stone fruit you have ever eaten. The skin is crimson-red with dark red flesh and a small pit. Being free stone, the acid found at the pit of most plums is entirely absent from this variety. Jam made from this plum is the best ever and rates with strawberry jam on our table.

This tree will give you ornamental value equal to other ornamental plums and at the same time it will produce for you the finest of fruit at a time when good stone fruits are really appreciated; it ripens here about the 10th of June. It is a solid fleshed plum that can be eaten "without putting on a bib." It will become popular as a commercial fruit because it is solid, ships well, and reaches the market with its full natural beauty.

It has been under test for nine years and has met our fondest hopes. The original tree has never been sprayed, yet there are no signs of insects or diseases. It has produced consistantly without other varieties to furnish pollen. The fruit hangs on the tree until it is nearly dry; therefore, unused fruit does not create an unsightly mess on the ground.

Clean young trees on peach root:

4/5 foot size	\$ .75
5/6 " "	1.00



## THE ROSE THE QUEEN OF FLOWERS

Roses have always been with us more than a business. It was our love of them that led us into the commercial production of rose bushes more than a decade ago. It was our love of them that guided us in our quest for improved methods of growing, methods that would enable us to produce a high quality rose bush that could be sold at a reasonable price, thus enabling a greater number of people to enjoy intimate association with the Queen of Flowers.

The following list of roses is not large, but every one is the finest in its class. They are all one year old field grown budded plants grown on rootstocks that have proven to be best.

Naturally one year old plants are not as heavy as two year old plants; however, our roses compare very favorably with any No. 1 and No. 1½ grade two year old roses you can find. And, being younger, our plants stand the shock of transplanting much better and get off to a quicker start than the two year old plants. One of our customers wrote to us, "I am glad to apologize for all I said against one year old rose bushes, if they are all as fine as yours. No roses in my garden made a better showing than yours." This customer has nearly 500 roses purchased from all parts of the United States. Our own experience and the experience of our many customers in all parts of the country convinces us that a well grown one year old rose bush is the ultimate in quality and, if it is given reasonable care, it will perform as well or better than two year old bushes.

## BROOKS' SELECT EVERBLOOMING ROSES FOR 1941

Prices, unless otherwise noted, are quoted as follows, f. o. b. Modesto:

No. 1 grade	40¢ ea.	\$4.50 per doz.
No. 1½ "	35¢ "	4.00 " "

(6 at the dozen rate)

**CATHERINE KORDES.** Perfectly formed buds and flowers of deep cherry-red, borne on fine stems for cutting. We recommend this rose as being the best in its class.

**CHRISTOPHER STONE.** A new rose of merit. A vigorous upright bush, producing a profusion of bright velvety-scarlet flowers on fine stems for cutting.

**CONDESSA DE SASTAGO.** This unusual rose has won certificates and medals in all the important American and European shows since its introduction in 1932. Best of all, however, it is a superb garden rose that anyone can grow to perfection. It has great vigor of growth, abundant healthy foliage, and great freedom of bloom. It is delightfully fragrant and lasts a long time when cut. The color is very striking; the inside of each petal is reddish copper, while the outside is golden yellow.

**DUQUESA DE PENARANDA.** This glorious rose is an entrancing blend of apricot-orange and dark pink, opening to a gloriously beautiful bloom of coppery apricot. The plant is vigorous and has plenty of light green, leathery, disease resistant foliage. A good "keeper" when cut. A favorite with all who know it.

No. 1 grade	45¢ ea.	\$5.00 per doz.
No. 1½ "	40¢ "	4.50 " "

E. G. HILL. Very large extremely double rose of dazzling scarlet. A heavy producer of fine flowers for cutting.

ETOILE DE HOLLANDE. This magnificent red rose is ranked among the first three of its color by everyone who knows roses, and many will place it first. The perfect buds are of medium size, opening beautifully and cleanly into glorious great flowers with incomparable fragrance, holding its brilliant color to the end. The bush is strong free branching and healthy. A rose that actually has no serious fault, and every new red rose is automatically compared with it.

FEDERICO CASAS. The beautiful long pointed bud is red with a suffusion of yellow, a beautiful combination. The flower is a combination of the same colors but of lighter tones, often reminding one of Talisman. The petals have great substance and the flowers keep wonderfully well when cut. The strong upright growth, the fine clean foliage, and the long strong stems on which the buds and flowers are carried combined make this a favorite.

FEU JOSEPH LOOYMANS. Very long perfectly formed buds of orange-yellow. Fine for cutting. The strong growing plant is covered with glossy, deep green foliage.

GOLDEN DAWN. The large oval buds are rich sunflower yellow, heavily suffused with cerise before opening, and develop into high centered, double flowers of lemon-yellow with a wonderful old tea rose fragrance. Dense compact growth with the best foliage we have ever seen on a rose. The flowers rate at the top for cutting value.

GOLDEN RAPTURE. Perfectly formed buds and flowers of pure yellow. Fine buds for cutting produced on a strong growing plant. A new rose of real merit.

**GYPSY LASS.** An unusual red rose. The almost black bud opens to a very full, intensely fragrant flower which is a rich scarlet-crimson with blackish shadings. The stems are long and the flowers keep a long time when cut. The plant is very vigorous and upright and is continually in bloom.

**HINRICH GAEDE.** The more we see of this rose the more enthusiastic we become. The bud is long and well formed and nearly always borne one to the stem. The color is nasturtium-red and opens to a high centered, sweetly fragrant flower of orange-scarlet with a nasturtium-yellow glow. A very unusual combination of colors that attracts the attention of all who see it. The plant is thrifty and is a good producer of the fine buds and flowers for cutting.

No. 1 grade	45¢ ea.	\$5.00 per doz.
No. 1½ "	40¢ "	4.50 " "

**JOANNA HILL.** Cadmium-orange, passing to lighter shades on the outer edge of the petals. A rose of unusual excellence.

**J. OTTO THILOW.** Perfectly formed buds and flowers of rich rose-pink. Unusually good for cutting. No rose we know of has better form.

**MME. JOSEPH PERRAUD.** The enormous big-petaled, perfectly formed buds of nasturtium-buff, lightening to a luminous pink at the edges of the petals, and with glowing orange heart, are always perfectly formed, and the growth, stems, foliage, and blooming qualities are all on a par with those perfect buds. Available in No. 1½ grade only.

**MRS. E. P. THOM.** We have concluded that this is about the most satisfactory yellow rose for garden use among the well known standard varieties and a great many of our rose friends agree with us. The canary-yellow buds and flowers leave nothing more to be desired; they have beauty of

form, wonderful cutting value, and the vigorous bush is lavish with the blooms. We know of no yellow rose in its class that we would recommend ahead of it.

MRS. P. S. DU PONT. A marvelous yellow rose—not yellow in the truest sense; for in the bud the color is more reddish gold, almost orange, rather than yellow. The open flower is golden yellow. Any way you look at this rose it is good; the flowers have color, form, fragrance, and good keeping qualities; the plant has vigor, compact growth, faultless foliage, and is liberal in the production of flowers. It has won more medals for outdoor blooms than any other rose.

PICTURE. A perfect picture in color and form. A pink rose with a warm undertone of salmon which makes the color cheerful and glowing. A strong upright plant with fine stems for cutting. No pink rose we know of will rate above this one.

No. 1, grade 45¢ ea. \$5.00 per doz.  
No. 1a " 40¢ " 4.50 " "

PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER. A cutting rose par excellance. The plant grows tall, with good foliage, and produces its beautiful fragrant flowers on very long stems. The shapely buds open to high-centered flowers of scarlet-yellow, cerise-pink, and flame, which last well. Awarded Gold Medal, 1934, for the best American Rose introduced within the previous five years.

PRESIDENT PLUMCOCQ. A really fine rose in every respect. Perfectly formed coppery-yellow buds, large fragrant open flowers of good form, coppery-buff with an overglow of deep salmon. Fine upright plant producing large quantities of beautiful buds for cutting.

PRINCESS MARINA. A really beautiful new rose. The colors resemble Mrs. Sam McGredy but are of

lighter tones. A strong plant that produces the beautiful buds in great profusion. The stems are long and the buds keep a long time when cut. We rate it among the best of the newer roses.

No. 1 grade 45¢ ea. \$5.00 per doz.  
No. 1½ " 40¢ " 4.50 " "

RED HOOVER. A new sport of Pres. Herbert Hoover and like its parent in every respect except the colors, which can be most nearly described as orange-red in the bud, and orange-cerise in the open flower. We highly recommend it.

No. 1 grade 55¢ ea. \$6.00 per doz.  
No. 1½ " 45¢ " 5.00 " "

RED TALISMAN. A new sport of the well known and liked Talisman, and like it in every way except the color of the flowers, which is deep orange-red in the bud, the open flower being the same color but of lighter tones. One of our favorite reds.

No. 1 grade 55¢ ea. \$6.00 per doz.  
No. 1½ " 45¢ " 5.00 " "

SISTER THERESE. The long pointed buds are chrome-yellow, heavily marked with carmine; the open flower is rich daffodil-yellow. Sweetly fragrant. The very thrifty disease free plant produces plenty of the fine flowers on long stems for cutting.

SOUTHPORT. A new red rose with long buds of brilliant scarlet. A strong growing plant that carries the buds on fine stems for cutting.

SUSAN LOUISE. Slender perfectly formed buds and semi-double flowers of clear pink, borne profusely on a strong growing, almost thornless bush. It is a hybrid gigantea but has the slender grace of the tea rose. Often called a bush Belle of Portugal, but the buds are smaller and they have better form.

TALISMAN. A glorious combination of orange, yellow, and red; known and loved for its great beauty and sterling qualities wherever roses are grown. A strong tall growing bush that carries the flowers on fine stems for cutting.

TREASURE ISLAND. (Raffel 1938) This lovely new rose created a sensation at the Golden Gate International Exposition, where it was on exhibition most of the season. The bud is long and pointed, with distinctive shadings of copper-bronze and gold. The plant is of strong, upright habit and the perfect buds and flowers are carried on long stems. No rose is better for cutting than this.

No. 1 grade 60¢ ea. \$6.50 per doz.

No. 1½ " 50¢ " 5.50 " "

YELLOW TALISMAN. A new sport of the beautiful and well known Talisman, and like it in every way except in color, which is a good clear golden yellow. Fine for cutting. Available in No. 1½ grade only.

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Quality is a relative term: Quality in a rose bush is not governed by size, but rather by the performance of the plant after it is planted in your garden.



## BROOKS' SELECT CLIMBING ROSES FOR 1941

Use these choice climbing roses to cover fence pergola or archway. Use them along your garage or any building or make of them a beautiful pillar. They will greatly enhance the beauty of your home and repay you many times in a wealth of beautiful flowers.

The following climbing roses are all one year old field grown budded plants of the highest possible quality, and all are climbing hybrid teas except as noted.

Prices, except as noted, are quoted as follows,  
f. o. b. Modesto, California:

No. 1 grade	45¢ ea.	\$5.00 per doz.
No. 1½ "	40¢ "	4.50 " "

(6 at the dozen rate)

**CHIQUITA.** Miniature (Moore 1937) The type is climbing Cecile Brunner, but the form is better, and the buds are somewhat smaller. The outside of the petals is deep orange-yellow at the base, passing to orange-copper-pink on the outer edge. The open flower is an entrancing combination of coppery-orange and salmon-pink with yellow at the base. A dainty, yet intense and penetrating fragrance. The perfect material for corsages. The plant is of medium climbing habit. The foliage is good and it produces the little flowers in clusters from spring to fall. Available in No. 1 grade only.

Price: \$1.00 each.

**CL. COUNTESS OF STRADBROKE.** For those who want perfection in a red rose, this new climber from Australia will meet every requirement. In form the buds and flowers are second to none. The color is a beautiful shade of dark unfading red and has shown no tendency to blue with age. The plant is a moderate climber and has shown remark-

able resistance to rose diseases. The flowers are carried on good stems for cutting and are produced throughout the growing season.

CL. DAINTY BESS. A single climber that is almost continuously in bloom from April to November. The name is very appropriate; the slender rosy-salmon buds are held daintily on thin wiry stems. When open the flowers have broad fimbriated petals of pale rose. The large cluster of wine colored stamens add a distinctive touch to this delightful rose. The bush form of this rose has attained great popularity and this climber has all the qualities to make it the most popular single climbing rose.

CL. FEU JOSEPH LOOYMANS. A new and extremely fine climber. Big orange-yellow buds and flowers carried on fine stems for cutting. This new variety will take its place at the top of the list.

CL. MRS. E. P. THOM. One of our favorite yellow climbers. It is like the bush rose of the same name described elsewhere in this catalogue and has all its good qualities in addition to a good climbing habit.

CL. ROSE MARIE. Many of our rose friends have asked for a pink climber that was not "just another pink"; here is a rose we believe will fill the need, for it is really good. The plant climbs freely and the flowers have form, color, and fragrance, with plenty of substance to make it keep well when cut.

CL. TALISMAN. Here we have a free climbing, free blooming plant that produces great quantities of buds and flowers in the same glorious combination of orange, yellow, and red that we find in the bush rose of the same name. Rated at the top for cutting value or garden decoration.

## ROBINIA HISPIDA DWARF FLOWERING LOCUST

One of the best flowering deciduous shrubs or small trees. A true locust, it is successful where ever any other locust can be grown. It is a hardy, drouth resistant shrub that can be grown in most any location. The lovely flowers are like large sweet peas and are borne in clusters of seven to ten. The color is a clear shade of rose pink with a yellow spot in the center. A lovely subject in the garden and one that will give you a great deal of pleasure. The flowers make lovely floating bouquets and last well when used in that way.

Strong plants grafted at the ground level on  
Black Locust: \$1.75 each.  
Standards grafted on strong straight 5 foot  
Black Locust stems: \$3.00 each.

## AZALEAS

Few, if any, flowering shrubs possess the charm and loveliness of the Azaleas. Nearly every home can successfully grow this beautiful shrub. Unfortunately a great many people, especially those living in the great interior valleys of California have not had the opportunity to learn how to grow them. For that reason complete cultural instructions will be sent with each order.

Our plants are thrifty young hybrid seedlings of the popular indica Azalea and are not classified as to colors, which run principally to shades of red, pink, and some white, both solid and in combination. All plants are of blooming size and shipments will be made during the blooming season so that we may be able to give you as nearly as possible the colors you desire. The blooming period is late February, March, and early April. All

orders received before that time will be acknowledged and held for shipment during that period. These hybrid Azaleas vary in habit of growth from dwarf to tall growing types. Please specify color of flower and plant habit desired.

Strong healthy plants in bloom, packed in wood crates to guarantee delivery to you in perfect condition.:

45¢ each. \$5.25 per doz. (6 at dozen rate).  
Shipped via Railway Express collect only.  
Shipping weight about 16 lbs. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  doz.

### PANSIES HARROLD'S PEDIGREED GIANT

Since its original introduction this Giant Exhibition type variety has won wide acceptance and popularity on its outstanding merits. The plant habit of this variety is distinctly robust and this, of course, is the basis upon which truly giant flowers of adequate texture to be most valuable must be built. Flowers have been produced from this sort that were five inches in diameter under ordinary garden conditions. Unlike so many large flowering sorts, the flowers have adequate texture to stand up and look one in the eye rather than being floppy as is so often the case. Flower stems are much longer than usual on such compact growing plants and normally these are long enough to make fine cut bouquets. The color range is very bright and varied, lending unusual charm to mass bedding effects. We believe this to be the nearest to the ideal all around pansy available today.

Sturdy field-grown plants:

40¢ per doz. \$3.00 per 100  
(50 at the 100 rate)

## DELPHINIUM

### VETTERLE AND REINELT PACIFIC STRAIN

The modern delphinium is unsurpassed in beauty and charm, and the Pacific Strain is recognized by amateur and professional gardeners alike as one of the very best. This strain produces flowers of large size in very long spikes. The colors are very beautiful and include shades of lavender, lavender pastels, light violet blue, dark violet blue, light blue, medium blue, dark blue, blue violet, and white. These stately hybrid delphinium are the finest of all the perennials for the perennial and mixed borders and combine well with other flowers.

We much prefer distribution of young seedlings, rather than one or two year old clumps, because large clumps are often exhausted and it takes a season to get them re-established during which the flowers are not at their best. Young seedlings will produce show specimens in a few months and continue blooming for several years.

Strong young plants in containers, available from February to May inclusive, colors mixed:

15¢ each. \$1.50 per doz. (6 at dozen rate)

Shipped via Railway Express collect only.

Shipping weight about 10 pounds per dozen.

Strong young plants lifted from the field, available from April 15th to June 15th, colors mixed:

\$1.25 per doz. \$8.00 per 100(50 at 100 rate)

## COLUMBINE

### AQUILEGIA LONGISSIMA

Easily the best Columbine we have ever grown. Truly giant yellow flowers with spurs up to six inches in length. Carried on stems often three feet long. A hardy easily grown variety that will

thrive in either sun or shade. Voted Sunset's Flower of the Month for August, 1940, and highly recommended by that popular magazine.

Strong one year old plants in containers:

15¢ ea. \$1.50 per doz. (6 at the dozen rate)

Shipped via Railway Express collect only.

Shipping weight about 10 lbs. per dozen.

Seeds: 40¢ per packet, POSTPAID.

### TIGRIDIA, (Mexican Shellflower) ROSE QUEEN.

Few flowers are more gorgeously colored or so beautiful. Petals are deep rose and the cup spotted and mottled with a gay array of colors including wine, yellow, and brown. It blooms from June to September, and while each flower lasts but one day, there is another one to take its place each morning.

Plant the bulbs in a sunny location and handle just like gladiolas. Planted en masse this glorious flower makes a most striking display.

Bulbs that will bloom this year:

\$ 1.25 per doz. POSTPAID.

10.00 per 100 POSTPAID. (50 at 100 rate)

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TABLE OF APPROXIMATE EXPRESS RATES

Distance	5 lbs.	10 lbs.	15 lbs.	20 lbs.
100 miles	\$0.25	\$0.30	\$0.34	\$0.42
200 "	.30	.40	.44	.56
300 "	.30	.40	.52	.65
400 "	.35	.50	.59	.75
500 "	.35	.50	.67	.85
600 "	.45	.65	.73	.94
700 "	.45	.65	.80	1.04

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\*California purchasers add 3% to cover California Sales Tax.

\*See page 19 of this catalogue for instructions.



**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ORDERING**

PACKING is a matter of the utmost importance, and we have given it a lot of study. Poor packing could easily ruin even the highest quality plants before the purchaser received them. Therefore we pack all bare-root stock in damp moss and wrap in heavy wax paper to conserve the moisture, with an outer wrapping of heavy kraft paper. Plants in containers and the azaleas are packed in strong wood crates. All plants purchased from us are guaranteed to reach you in perfect condition. No charge is made for packing.

**OUR GUARANTEE:** All plants purchased from us are guaranteed to be true to name, of the best quality, and to grow and perform properly when the correct cultural methods are used. Any that prove otherwise will be replaced at our expense. In no case will we be responsible for more than the original price of the plants.

PRICES are based on sales at the nursery and are quoted f. o. b. Modesto, except certain items which, as noted, are quoted postpaid.

TERMS are cash with order. Send your remittance by check, bank draft, or money order. Never send cash. All California purchasers must add 3% for California Sales Tax.

**SHIPPING CHARGES:** If you wish to have your order shipped prepaid, add 10% (not less than 20¢ for any one order) to defray transportation costs. Where this is not included in the remittance, the order will be shipped charges collect via Railway Express. You will notice certain items which we never prepay and others which are quoted postpaid; do not include them when figuring the amount to enclose for shipping charges. If you wish to know the cost of shipping the items sent charges collect, consult the rate table on page 18.

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